

HOUSE BILL 1790

By West

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 39,
Chapter 17, Part 13, relative to the possession of
a firearm in certain locations.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 39-17-1359, is amended by deleting subsection (c) in its entirety and by substituting instead the following:

(c)(1) No governmental entity may prohibit the possession of weapons by any person otherwise authorized by §§ 39-17-1351 — 39-17-1360 by posting notice pursuant to this section without first providing notice and holding a public hearing in accordance with the Uniform Administrative Procedures Act, compiled in title 4, chapter 5.

(2) In the case of any posted notice being used by a local, state or federal governmental entity prior to July 1, 2009, the governmental entity shall comply with the requirements of this subsection (c) within one hundred eighty (180) days of July 1, 2009, or remove the posted notice.

(3) Any governmental entity that prohibits the possession of weapons in a building by any person otherwise authorized by §§ 39-17-1351 — 39-17-1360 shall provide an area where any person authorized to possess a handgun by §§ 39-17-1351 — 39-17-1360 may safely and securely store a handgun upon entering the building and retrieve the handgun upon exiting the building. The storage areas required by this subdivision must be available at any entrance where a posted notice is displayed.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2009, the public welfare requiring it.